World Bank loan for Community Forest Management

3569. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has extended loan to the Andhra Pradesh for taking up Community Forest Management Programme.

(b) if so, the area to be covered, district-wise; and

(c) the target for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Environmental clearance to CRPF firing range

3570. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Reserve Police Force has finalised design plans for a 253 acre field firing range near Bannerghatia National Park near Bangalore;

(b) whether it is a fact that the area identified for the firing range comes under the Forests Department;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Union Government not to give clearance to the proposed project;

(d) whether the State Government has also agreed to provide alternative land for the purpose; and

(e) if so, whether Government have given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Karnataka, adverting to a news item, has informed the Ministry that Central Reserve Police Force has finalised design plans for a field firing range near Bannerghatta National Park and has sent its proposal to the Union Home Ministry for approval. It has also been reported that the Central Reserve Police Force has acquired 253 acres of land in 1995 at a cost of Rs. 75.90 lakhs from Government of Karnataka.